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ix No. I Basis of the report

With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

- pages 1-10 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* received by this Authority on with the letter of
- pages* received by this Authority on with the letter of

the claims:

- pages 11, 12 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* 16-19 as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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the drawings:

- pages 1/1 as originally filed/furnished
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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages
- the claims, pages 13-15
- the drawings, sheets/figs
- the sequence listing (*specify*):
- any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):

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- the description, pages
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ix No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-39	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-39	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-39	YES
	Claims	NO

Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-39 meet the criteria set forth in PCT Articles 33(2) and 33(3) for novelty and inventive step. The prior art published before the priority date does not disclose or obviously suggest a security document comprising a layer of upconverting fluorescent material and a coating of refractive pigment as presently defined.

AMENDED CLAIMS

[received by the International Bureau on 07 February 2005 (07.02.05);
claims 24, 30-35 amended, claims 36-39 added, remaining claims unchanged (4 pages)]

transparent substrate and the coating containing the refractive pigment is an opacifying coating which is applied only partly over the transparent substrate to form a window on at least one side of the security document which is not covered by the opacifying coating.

- 5 19. A security document as claimed in claim 18 wherein the opacifying coating is applied only partly on one side of the substrate, and the opacifying coating is applied to cover the entire surface of the polymeric layer on the opposite side of the substrate.
- 10 20. A security document as claimed in claim 18 or claim 19 wherein the signal emitted from parts of the substrate covered by the opacifying coating is stronger than the signal emitted from parts of the substrate which are uncovered by the opacifying coating.
- 15 21. A security document as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the upconverting material is uniformly dispersed in the polymeric material.
22. A security document as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the concentration of upconverting material is not more than about 1% by weight of the polymeric material.
- 20 23. A security document as claimed in claim 22 wherein the concentration of upconverting material is substantially within the range from about 0.0025% to about 0.25% by weight of the polymeric material.
24. A method of manufacturing a security document including: providing a substrate having at least one layer of polymeric material; incorporating at least one upconverting fluorescent material in the at least one layer of polymeric material; and applying a refractive coating to at least one surface of the substrate, wherein the refractive coating contains at least one refractive pigment which enhances signals emitted from the fluorescent upconverting material when the

security document is exposed to electromagnetic radiation of a particular wavelength.

25. A method as claimed in claim 24 wherein the upconverting material is incorporated into the at least one layer of polymeric material in an extrusion process.

26. A method as claimed in claim 25 wherein in the extrusion process, the upconverting material is mixed uniformly with the co-extruded polymeric material as it passes through the extruder and dies.

27. A method as claimed in claim 26 wherein the upconverting material is mixed with the polymeric material, in an extruder barrel, at an elevated temperature.

28. A method as claimed in any one of claims 24 to 27 wherein the concentration of the upconverting material is not more than about 1% by weight of the polymeric material.

15 29. A method as claimed in claim 28 wherein the concentration of upconverting material falls substantially within the range from about 0.0025% to about 0.25% by weight of the polymeric material.

30. A method as claimed in any one of claims 24 to 29 wherein the at least one refractive pigment is dispersed in a polymeric or resin binder.

20 31. A method as claimed in any one of claims 24 to 30 wherein the at least one refractive pigment is selected from the group including titanium dioxide, calcium carbonate, barium sulphate and zinc oxide.

25 32. A method of verifying the authenticity of a security document including: providing a substrate including at least one polymeric layer containing an upconverting fluorescent material;

providing the substrate with at least one opacifying coating containing a refractive pigment;

exposing the upconverting material to electromagnetic radiation of a selected wavelength to excite the upconverting material; and

5 detecting a signal of electromagnetic radiation emitted from the excited upconverting material at a shorter wavelength than the wavelength selected to excite the upconverting material.

33. A method as claimed in claim 32 wherein the electromagnetic radiation selected to excite the upconverting material is infra red radiation, and the signal of 10 electromagnetic radiation emitted from the upconverting material falls within the visible spectrum.

34. A method as claimed in claim 32 or claim 33 wherein the at least one opacifying coating only partly covers the substrate, and different signals emitted from the covered and uncovered parts of the substrate are analysed to 15 authenticate the security document.

35. A method of manufacturing a security document including : providing a substrate having at least one layer of polymeric material; incorporating at least one upconverting fluorescent material in the at least one layer of polymeric material by an extrusion process; and applying a refractive coating to at least one 20 surface of the substrate.

36. A method as claimed in claim 35 wherein in the extrusion process, the upconverting material is mixed uniformly with the co-extruded polymeric material as it passes through the extruder and dies.

37. A method as claimed in claim 36 wherein the upconverting material is 25 mixed with a polymeric material, in an extruder barrel, at an elevated temperature.

38. A method as claimed in any one of claims 35 to 37 wherein the concentration of the upconverting material is not more than about 1% by weight of the polymeric material.

39. A method as claimed in claim 38 wherein the concentration of
5 upconverting material falls substantially within the range from about 0.0025% to about 0.25% by weight of the polymeric material.